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In the Interests of Freemasonry, the Concordant Orders of Iowa, and Fraternity Generally.

VOLUME VI. CEDAR RAPIDS, IOWA, MAY, 1898. NUMBER 5

ROBERTA CARREE GEIGER,

Age 7.

This youngest member of the family is presented to our readers as representing the cheerful and well fed appearance of one who knows no care or sorrow. She is a thorough little votary of Freemasonry and knows the emblems of the Craft when she sees them. The "Pug" accompanying her is the aristocratic member, who turns her nose up at all times, in all places, and under all circumstances. To appreciate the smile on "Rob's" face our readers should hear her laugh.

THE LODGES.

Five petitions went into the Lodge at Anamosa in early May.

Trojan 348 moves forward and has work.

No. 6 has her share of business; both lodges thrive.

Grand Secretary Parvin of Iowa, says the Grand Dieta of Mexico is all right and he says it from *personal examination* and we guess he *knows*.

One can easily see the *signs* of the times as the various Grand Jurisdictions intradict the use of the word "Masonic" in the names of insurance organizations.

Idaho Grand Lodge will now exercise the non-affiliates, with charges, proceedings and expulsion. One almost looks around for the prying eyes of "The Holy Office."

"The Texas Freemason" would like us to start an announcement column for "candidates" for Grand Lodge offices. Say, you Texas fellows need'nt think we are going to give *all* our space to funeral notices. See?

Freemasonry stands the lone representative of *non-proselytation.* The temptation to boast of an order being larger than anything on earth is not always a compliment.

OPENED IN SPLENDOR.

The magnificent new Temple just about completed in this city was opened with a grand reception, and those who were so fortunate as to be there report it a blooming success. Speeches, refreshments and dancing were indulged in. The formal dedication will take place sometime next month, it is supposed.

The Masonic bodies of San Francisco, hold a Festival and Fair May 9–14 in aid of their Masonic Home.

We believe with "The Trestle Board" that "Masonry should encourage the small Lodges."

"Impostors to the number of 2,177 have applied to Lodges and members of the Masonic Fraternity the past year in the United States and Canada. Still they live."—*Trestle Board.*

Grand Secretary Parvin returned from Mexico late in April.

In Scotland they charge $1.75 for the degrees. We wonder where some of the high priced lodges would be if that price prevailed in our country.

If the dear Trestle Board was down this way he'd find out whether "there are no *families* or clans in Masonry." True, not in Masonry, but that don't keep the evil from showing up in some lodges and even in communities—between Masons. Some of them would wreck the institution (rather than obey its sublime doctrines) to gain revenge or a given end.

Sometimes we are sorry, then again we are glad, that the effort, in 1847, to form a Supreme Grand Lodge of the United States was a failure. Why? Sometime we'll tell.

HERE'S A STUNNER.

A non-affiliate, if he be a Mason in good standing, has the right to prefer charges. —*Jurisprudence Committee, Utah.*

General John C. Smith reduces "the Signers" who were Masons to five: Hancock, Franklin, Livingston, Thornton and Hooper.

WORTH READING.

Bishop Warren, of the Methodist church, Denver, Colo., who is now in Peru, writes Grand Master Sutherland, of New York, that the prompt action of the Masons in America in asserting that the foundation of the Ancient Order of Free Masons stands on the eternal word of God, and their withdrawal of all friendly relations with Peru because of the removal of the Bible from their altars, has resulted in great good. The action forced the resignation of the Grand Master who issued the edict.—*The Tyler.*

INFORMATION WANTED.

McGregor, Iowa, May 7, 1898.

To the Freemason:—Will you please give me the address of Mr. George Peterson, a member of your Order and a boss of the bridge gang of the Burlington R. R. His friends are very anxious about him.

Please oblige yours respectfully,

M. J. Flanders,
McGregor, Iowa.

GRAND LODGE.

By the time our next number comes out the Grand Lodge of Iowa will have held its fifty-fourth Communication at Council Bluffs. We are in receipt of the circular from the local committees and it will no doubt reach all delegates in ample time.

THERE ARE OTHERS.

A grand lodge which has the ritual written out to keep in its vaults for private use of its grand lecturer violates an O. B. just as much as the youngest entered apprentice in the jurisdiction who makes a copy of the same. The O. B. admits of no exceptions. *Texas Freemason.*

COMMANDERIES.

Anamosa had 2 in the Red Cross on May 6th and conferred the Order of the Temple on May 13. They're alive up there.

P. G. C. Ercanbrack does not "retire" after his honors, but is a "worker," aptly fitting in any anywhere. He's Standard-Bearer of his Commandery now. That's the kind of Knight to be.

Temple Commandery No. 4 gave a May party on May 6th. From the Program received we'd presume that it was a "sixteen-to-one" affair—sixteen dances to one supper! Eh?

The rate of fare for the round trip from Chicago to Pittsburg, to attend the Triennial Conclave of Knights Templar beginning October 11, 1898, will be $12.00 on some roads and $10.50 on others. This should insure a large attendance of Sir Knights and their friends.

"Carnegie Hall," Pittsburgh, Pa., in which the meetings of the Grand Encampment, K. T., are to be held in October, has a seating capacity of 2000. This large capacity will be utilized in full, as the number of Sir Knights present at that time is expected to exceed any previous occasion.

In anticipation of the hotels of Pittsburg being overcrowded the week of the Knights Templar Triennial Conclave, in October next, arrangements will be made by many commanderies to occupy their sleeping cars during the entire period. These cars can be so located as to be easy of access, the railroad tracks lying largely in the heart of the city.

By the second week in June a number of Templar families will be at the Park.

The preparations for Pittsburgh are going on and will be more extensive than some have thought, interesting side trips being arranged.

Apollo Commandery attended the funeral of Sir Knight Martin Clancy, on April 25, from his residence on First Avenue. Sir Knight Clancy was a member of Salamanca Commandery No. 62, Salamanca. N. Y.

THE EASTERN STAR.

The Grand Matron of Iowa informs us that the Grand Hotel (this city) will be headquarters during the Grand Chapter next fall. She has instituted ten Chapters this year already (April 22), at Monroe, Manning, Marne, Montezuma, Creston, Williams, Ireton, Peterson, Zearing and Postville. All are reported in a flourishing condition. The Order in Iowa is prosperous, popular and pushing.

Mrs. Mary C. Snedden, Past Most Worthy Grand Matron of the United States, edits the department in the *Constellation*, and my, how she "larrups" the women who have been neglecting their duties to the sick, needy, and despondent.

We have neither intenrion nor disposition to beg for the support of Iowa stars; though voted the "official organ," but little playing has yet been done.

Somewhere over this broad state some mother, widow, wife, sister, or daughter might be making good wages securing subscribers for us. Why not?

ANDROGYNOUS DEGREES.

Over half a century ago Androgynous degrees were very popular, especially the two entitled "The Master Mason's Daughter" and "The Heroine of Jericho." Of the last named degree, its recipients were entitled to a silver medal, on one side of which were the letters F. N. D. O. Z. B. T. K. C., at the top, and surrounding the square and compasses with the letter T. on the right and K on the left of the points of the compasses, underneath were two hands joined over a sheaf of wheat, on one side of which were the letters A. M. and on the other Y. R. On the reverse side of the medal was a Delta, point down, with the

name of its recipient on the top space, and on the side spaces were the letters L. Y. Y. N. O. and O. F. I. U. T., with the letter B. at the point. On the outside of the triangle, at the top was the month, and on the sides the date of the admission. A medal described as above belonged to the writer's mother, and is now in his possession.—*Ohio Correspondence Review.*

THE MYSTIC SHRINE.

One hundred and one of the 125 who are eligible to the Shrine in Arizona already belong. Good.

FAHT DID THEY DO TO HIM?

Among the novices at the big meeting of the Mystic Shrine, a week ago, was Mr. Andrew Zeigler of Tucson. For one reason and another, Mr. Zeigler has been in town ever since, and his relatives are apprehensive of the disposition made of him by the Shriners. Yesterday his mother sent him a telegram in care of Clerk Johnson of the Supreme Court. She inquired, "Did you let go of the rope or did it break?" —*Phœnix, Ariz., Republican.*

The El-Kahir representatives are to be quartered at the "Oriental Hotel" Dallas, Texas, during the Imperial Council. This is the Imperial Headquarters. Nobles going with us should write to Joseph Swope, Dallas, Tex., for room, and to the Recorder of El Kahir for information about the Dallas trip.

(From Aleppo Temple's Late Baluster.)

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THE ROYAL ARCH.

We have received an invitation to attend the Grand Chapter of Missouri R. A. M., but the time does not permit.

The Chapters over the State of Iowa are not idle. We hear good reports from many of them.

The result of the canvass on the "Council Degrees" question is likely to be against any change. Well, so be it then. We can sit on the fence and see the other fellows go by.

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BOOK TABLE.

The Masonic Constellation is regaining the ground lost by the fire-loss and is receiving the well merited support of Craftsmen everywhere.

William Snyder, La Fontaine, Indiana, advertises three volumes bound of "*The Evergreen.*" Tell him where you saw this notice.

The Masonic Review begins its 89th volume (April) under the management of The Masonic Review Company, Cincinnati, O.

From Comp. Chas. Cary, Grand Sec'y, the Proceedings of the Grand Holy Royal Arch of Pennsylvania for 1897.

From the venerable Richard Lambert of New Orleans, La., the proceedings of all the Grand bodies of Louisiana for 1898. Held in February last.

Here's the Southern Freemason, Vol. 1. No. 1, March, 1898, John S. Alfred, Editor and Publisher. $1.00 per year. New Orleans, La. 24 page pamphlet form. Welcome.

The second number (May) of the A. O. U. W. Monthly Magazine is at hand. It is ably filled. J. W. Kinsley, Editor and Proprietor. Helena, Mont. $3 per year.

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Itinerary. FIRST STAGE. Leave Iowa and northern points on June 11, so as to arrive at Kansas City on the morning of Sunday, June 12. The Nobles will be the guests of Ararat Temple for the day.

Go This Anyhow. One fare for the Round Trip. Those who cannot go all the way down (to Dallas, Texas) can go as far as Kansas City, enjoy the day and return on the 12th. Sleeper arrangements will be made for the special trip to Kansas City.

The Whole Show---DALLAS, THE COUNCIL ETC. Leaving Kansas City the night of the 12th, we will arrive in Dallas the next day in time for the opening numbers of the following

PROGRAMME:

MONDAY, June 13—9 A. M—Reception and escort of visiting Temples.

8 P. M.—A "quiet" time at the opening of Hella's "Cistern" at Oriental Hotel.

TUESDAY, June 14—9:30 A. M—Escort of Imperial Council from Oriental Hotel to Grand Opera House.

10 A. M.—Opening Imperial Council, welcoming addresses, etc. Session from 10 to 12:30 and 2 to 5 P. M.

2:30 P. M.—Ladies Reception at Dallas Club, and general receptions at various headquarters.

9 P. M.—Reception and Promenade Concert to the Imperial Council and Representatives at Oriental Hotel.

WEDNESDAY, June 15.—Session of Imperial Council at 10 A. M., and carriages for Ladies for tour of city.

2:30 P. M.—Grand Cattle Roping and Wild Riding Exhibition, with old-fashioned Barbecue at State Fair Grounds.

8. P. M.—Old-Time Southern Plantation Cake Walk.

11:30 P. M.—Take Pullman Vestibuled Special for Austin—Oasis Ben-Hur Temple.

THURSDAY, June 16.—Arrive at Austin 7:30 A. M. Reception and breakfast aboard steamer Ben Hur, and visit to Texas' magnificent capitol.

1 P. M.—All aboard for San Antonio, the famous "Alamo City," one of the most interesting cities in the South.

12 P. M.—Off for Galveston, the Gem City on the Gulf of Mexico, arriving there 7:30 A. M., June 17th.

FRIDAY, June 17.—Breakfast at famous Beach and Tremont Hotels.

10 A. M.—Steamers for trip on the Gulf and other resorts.

2 P. M.—Oyster Roast and Fish Chowder at "Nick's Famous Resort" on the Bay.

8:30 P. M —Grand Concert and Reception at the celebrated "Garten Verein."

12 P. M.—Away for Waco, the Geyser City, arriving there at 7:30 A. M., June 18th.

SATURDAY, June 18.—General Reception by Nobles and citizens and tour of city.

12 M.—All aboard for Ft. Worth, the "Panther City," where Noble Paddock and Arabs "*won't do a thing to you.*"

Leave Ft. Worth for Dallas at 7 P. M., arriving at Dallas 8 P. M., Saturday night, where we will drop a tear and speed the parting Home Sweet Home.

NOTE—This excursion is complimentary to the Officers and Representatives of the Imperial Council. All other Nobles who wish to accompany us, can do so for the low price of $16.00, including sleeping car and transportation.

All Nobles who contemplate making this trip will please notify Noble John G. Hunter, that arrangements for their comfort may be provided.

For full particulars as to rates or special privileges, write to E. O. Soule, Cedar Rapids, Iowa.

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Iowa Grand, Templar Park, July —, 1898.

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EDITORIAL NOTES

How they are "thrashing around" over the Christmas toast business. It is not a numerous observance anyhow.

Idaho has taken to the road again—the non-affiliate now has his choice between joining some lodge or being held up. There are others.

Iowa needs to have credit for doing some "feeling around" for a place to light on the non affiliate question.

Some know how to wait. Too often under the feverish haste of youthful energy one gets the idea that all the evidences of strength lie in action, but the lessons are not all there. We credit the usefulness of the brother who is a good *waiter*.

THE TALKIST.

Have you ever sat in lodge and watched the—talkist—phono-grapho-gramo-phonic cuss—he's always at it. Wiser and clearer headed men often sit still, disgusted beyond expression at his loquacity—going off, s-p, like that, whenever the least opening occurs. They must have learned it at some of those places where the village loafing club meets and the loud-mouthed, swaggering, swearing talkist takes the floor and keeps it—until one by one the others all yawn, and spit, and go home.

IMPROVE IN THE RITUAL.

We're a fellow who has lots of fun in his make-up and we've had a hand in rushing many a candidate up to hi-gee; but we are not blind to the dangers that surround the lodge where the work is sacrificed to entertainment, or rather the dramatic effect is dragged from its throne to give place to extravagance—from Shakespeare's Richard the Third to Hoyt's Trip to Chinatown, as it were. Of course, the Ritual work will be tame when bungled and butchered, when it is read, without mercy or accentuation—and as for pronunciation—oh, my! No wonder, as a relief to the farce, the unfilled space is crammed with slim-skinning and leg-pulling devices. Let's improve in the Ritual.

DON'T LET'S BE ARROGANT.

No Order, however well established, can afford to put on "high looks" and lofty airs toward all others which they—lucky mortals—count far below them in the scale of venerable landmarks. We've often been tempted to feel proud of the "Ancient and Honorable Institution," but when the symbols so long in use among the craft dangle at the girth (almost said crupper) of so many improvised imitations, it sometimes annoys us—a little, but it never should. No, let us not "rare back" and snort like the "only warhorse', in the tournament, just because we find that in the mutations ever going on "others" are reaping where we have sown.

FRATERNITIES.

The editor of this journal is looking for information which will be used for the common good in this department. Address, Drawer E, Marion Iowa.

A New History of Odd Fellowship is just coming from the press of the Fraternity Pnblishing Company, Boston.

The Grand Lodge A. O. U. W. of Minnesota, unanimously rejected classified Assessments, and holds to the dollar rate for all ages.

The largest Fraternal gathering of the time will likely be the one to be held at the Trans-Mississippi Exposition, Omaha. A building for the exclusive use of the Orders is to be erected.

Why cannot Missouri, Nebraska, Iowa and South Dakota get into some *general* social gathering masonically—not a bejeweled affair, but one at which we'd all feel at home?

The "Mystic worker," representing the "Mystic Workers of the World" comes to hand with its April number. Brother Edmund Jackson, one of our Iowa friends, is the Supreme Secretary of the M. W. W.

"The Knights Sword and Helmet" reports that circulars are being issued in the interest of candidates for the office of Grand Chancellor (K. P.) of Iowa. Better far have no such political methods in any order. More vehement abuse and dirtier work is done in Fraternal politics than in any other kind and it should be frowned down.

The patience of Job and the perseverance of Saints is none too much for the work the Fraternal Deputy has to do.

The religionist who strives to dissuade his parishoners from protecting their families is not "a wolf in sheep's clothing;" he's—not an ass—but he's a narrow-minded bigot.

Each institution will win or lose respect as it makes or mars the growing bonds of fraternal affection. The business of mutual encouragement outweighs tons of old discourses on the Sovereignty of God.

By and by every spark of superstition will have gone out on the hearth of the American homes, when each shall intelligently interpret truth and conscience for himself; then the trade of the calamity howler will be gone.

The flaring advertisement of the Great Stock Concern, that it is able to manage men's affairs better than they are themselves is creating less attention every day. People begin to know the multiplication tables and read the Auditor's reports for themselves now.

Why is co-operative business a failure? Because the form of management concentrates the power in the hands of the few—bosses. When is it a success? When those who manage its affairs are the servants of the people elected under a representative system.

We've often wondered why men will accept so tamely the pernicious system of the "annual meeting" where the whole membership hears reports and *elects directors* who then call themselves together and choose the fat, absorbing officers who are to rule the roost—by manipnlation—through a series of years.

The claim that the field is already fully occupied don't seem to deter the sporadic growth of lots of new organizations. We see no way out through the growlery, so would suggest that the hustlery of the progressive bodies be kept open the "year 'round."

"On with the dance!" Already the indemnity of single Fraternities equals the strongest of the old line companies, and we believe, so far from hindering, they really help their work, if their theory is right. They are educating people to turn their way—if wrong they'll turn the other! The worst is when they try to go both ways.

A man should belong to no more orders than he can afford, and when he has to drop any it ought not to be the one with an indemnity for his family. A couple of thousand is better than a floral emblem.

LET THE WOMEN IN.

Among the fraternities we do not know of one where the admission of women would not be an advantage. There is no ground of argument why they should not come in on an equal footing with their fathers, brothers or husbands. They are safer risks as regards imdemnity, and instead of increasing, would modify the average mortality. Much of the advantage of the future will fall to the Order first throwing open its doors, and some are pushing in that direction with wise foresight. Let the women in.

WILL THEY LAST.

It is not merely the question of the pessimist, nor that of prejudice that suggests this question when we write of the Fraternal Benefit Orders (whose name is legion). By some seemingly strange cohesiveness they hold together through the years, and in the last fifteen, gathering numbers in most marvelous quickness. With a seeming reckless disregard of the long established "tables" of the "laws of life insurance," they have gone on paying out almost fabulous sums in strange proportion to the amount contributed by the ones whose beneficiaries received the money, going on thus for a generation, with a sweep and system that is startling. We remember now the falling words of a speaker telling that the "widow of Joues received two thousand dollars for which her husband paid in only two hundred dollars." None paid in more —many less—yet to all came (from where) the same benefit. Some say "it can't last." We say it will—the more widely awakened men are, the more it will prosper. While great corporations can direct the investment of funds to "reserve" millions, we as firmly believe the Fraternal ties binding all the Brotherhood in loyal co-operation can make the work go and the system last. On no other grounds than fraternal honor could we imagine it possible. It is a philosophy which the shrewdest Actuaries stand astounded at. Which they have foretold would fail and could not last, that violated all the laws of "tabulated experience," yet here they are—alive and well, with more indemnity than the Old Companies and more healthy looking, too.

FRATERNITIES.

In the glowing phosphorescent light of the impassioned orator, and flowing smoothly from the pen of the ready writer it is a sound to stir one's feelings and make one's heart to glow with sympathy for mankind; but this is *not* fraternity. To parade the magnificence of statistics piling up into the millions expended each year for the relief of widows and orphans makes one's mind and heart expand to the wish for a world-wide philanthropy, but this is not fraternity. To enroll one's self among the three millions of the Great Fraternal host is a glowing tribute to mutual aid and systematic beneficence, but it is not fraternity. Nay, none of these, though all might imply it—but to minister unto the humblest of the needy, to encourage the despondent, to stay by the sorrowing through their trouble and to protect the defenceless—never wavering —this is fraternity—true Brotherhood.

EXTREMISTS.

Those who believe in Fraternalism should not think that all the unreasonable ones are on the "old line" side of the insurance question, not by a long ways, though God knows there are too many of *them* in evidence often, but we need to guard against the same abuses in our dealings with each other. There is a dignified way to point out differences of operation in the same direction, and to truthfully present these annoys none; but to promise "the earth" with all the advantages of a twenty year tontine (tin horn!) double decker accident, sick benefit and monument features *all combined* for less than the other fellow can steal it, is the mouthings of an extremist, and we all need to go loaded for his scalp. The world suffers from the extremist—exaggerating every condition to suit his theme —and with the uninformed masses the havoc is resulting in the frustrating of the good ends for which all true life insurance was developed. Can't we hire a fool-killer to slay the whole tribe, old line, new line, across lots, and the back door slot machine class particularly?

OUR DEAD.

We will consider it a favor if our readers will send us the names and date of deaths among the Masonic Family,—Editor.

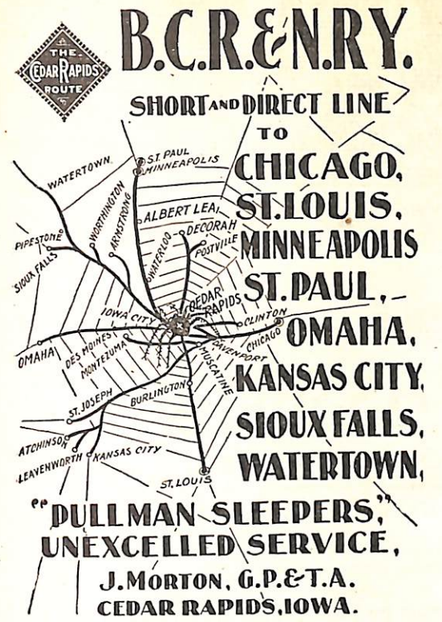
Comp. Wm. W. Wood, Des Moines, - - - - - - April 11, 1898

Sir Martin Clancy, Cedar Rapids, - - - - - - April 22, 1898

THE CLANCY FUNERAL.

LEADING MEMBERS OF CONDUCTORS IN THE CITY.

The funeral of Martin Clancy, Grand Secretary and Treasurer of the Order of Railway Conductors, who died Friday, evening, April 22d, will be attended at 2:30 p. m. today (April 25,) by some of the leading officers and members of the order. Following arrived this morning in response to telegrams: S. Temple, Meadville, Pa.; G. E. Hinds, Kent, O.; E. Boland, Salamanca, N. Y.; George W. Niles, Minneapolis, Minn.; W. J. Durbin, Milwaukee, chairman of the insurance committee; Geo. W. Payne, C. E. Drew, F. S. Garlick, T. R. Calley, E. R. Pierce, Valley Junction; A. E. King, grand secretary-treasurer Brotherhood of Railway Trainmen; H. B. Perham, grand secretary Order of Railroad Telegraphers; William Kilpatrick and C. H. Warren, Chicago; Charles Stuart, grand inside sentinel, and William Hassard, Toronto, Can.; W. H. Budd, Chicago, Ohio member of the insurance committee. Probably no such representation has ever been given at a funeral of a member of the order, and certainly none were ever held in greater respect by their fellows.—*Cedar Rapids Gazette.*



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